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SUMMARY: ACTING FONMIN MAS'UD PASSED NOTE TO CHARGE REITERATING SAG SUPPORT FOR OUR PEACE EFFORTS. HOWEVER, SAG NOTE CONSIDERS ANY DISENGAGEMENT IN THE SINAI SHOULD BE SIMULTANEOUS WITH DISENGAGEMENT IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. MAS'UD COMMENTED THAT HE DID NOT THINK SAG POSITION WOULD IMPEDE EGYPTIAN PROGRESS TOWARDS PARTIAL DISENGAGEMENT. HE ADDED THAT IF SUCH PROGRESS TOOK PLACE IN ABSENCE OF PULLBACK FROM SYRIAN FRONT CRITICS WOULD DENIGRATE ITS SCOPE AND SIGNIFICANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON SUNDAY JULY 27 ACTING FONMIN MAS'UD PRESENTED CHARGE WITH A REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ABOUT DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO (REFTEL). CHARGE NOTED THAT IN PARAS 2 AND 4 OF MESSAGE SAG AFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF SIMULTANEOUS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM BOTH SINAI AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AS A STEP TOWARD COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OF THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. MAS'UD SAID THIS WAS THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, THAT THIS POSITION HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR BY THE LATE KING FAISAL TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND MORE RECENTLY TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. CHARGE ASKED MAS'UD WHAT EFFECT

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THE SAG'S PREFERENCE FOR SIMULTANEOUS ACTION ON SINAI AND

GOLAN MIGHT HAVE ON A SECOND PARTIAL DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL SOON TAKING PLACE. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT USG HAD REPEATEDLY INDICATED THAT NO EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO SPLIT EGYPT FROM SYRIA, AND THAT IF WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN SINAI, WE WOULD MAKE EQUALLY VIGOROUS EFFORT TO PURSUE FURTHER STEPS TOWARD PEACE ON SYRIAN FRONT. MAS'UD INDICATED HE DID NOT THINK SAUDI VIEW WOULD STRONGLY AFFECT GOE'S POLICY MAKERS AND SAG WISHED ONLY BEST RELATIONS WITH SISTERLY EGYPT. HE SAID THOUGH THAT IF GOE DID NAKE A SEPARATE PARTIAL ACCORD WITH ISRAELIS, CRITICS OF EGYPT WOULD DENIGRATE SCOPE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF SECOND STEP DISENGAGEMENT. THEY WOULD ARGUE THAT MUCH TIME AND EFFORT HAD BEEN EXPENDED ON A RELATIVELY INCONSEQUENTIAL ACHIEVEMENT, AND GOE AND OTHER MODERATES WOULD COME UNDER GREATER AREA PRESSURES. MAS'UD ADDED THAT GOE FONMIN FAHMI HAD RECENTLY ASSURED SAG THAT EGYPT ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE SIMULTANEOUS PROGRESS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF UNSIGNED, UNHEADED SAUDI NOTE DATED 27 JULY 1975 FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING AND HIS HIGHNESS THE CROWN PRINCE WERE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF DR. KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO WITH REGARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST. HIS MAJESTY KING KHALID AND HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE FAHD ARE MOST EAGER TO ARRIVE AT A JUST AND QUICK SOLUTION WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES INCLUDING JERUSALEM AND THIS BY MEANS OF THE DETERMINED AND PERSISTENT EFFORTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS EXPENDING TO THIS END. THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS AGREE IN CONSIDERING THEM THE BEST MEANS OF ARRIVING AT A PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE CROWN PRINCE HOPE THAT THE EFFORTS OF ALL THE CONCERNED PARTIES TO REALIZE ANOTHER RAPID ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS WILL BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS AS AN ONGOING STEP TO THE COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS INCLUDING JERUSALEM.

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BY THIS MEANS PEACE AND SECURITY WILL BE ACHIEVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HIS MAJESTY THE KING WISHES BLESSINGS AND SUCCESS FOR THE EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT GERALD FORD AND HIS STAND FOR RIGHT AND JUSTICE IN ORDER FORMALLY TO ESTABLISH PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST DURING HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMING TALKS WITH PRESIDENT BREZHNEV IN HELSINKI. HIS MAJESTY, MOREOVER, LOOKS FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT FURTHER PROGRESS OF EFFORTS OF DR.

KISSINGER IN THIS MATTER AND ABOUT GUARANTEEING THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OVERCOMING ISRAELI STUBBORNNESS.

WITH REGARD TO THE TALKS OF DR. KISSINGER IN BONN TO RABIN, HIS MAJESTY WAS HAPPY THAT SOME PROGRESS TOWARD AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT WAS REALIZED EVEN IF HE CONSIDERS THAT ISRAEL IS DELAYING AND POSTPONING COMING TO AN AGREEMENT ON A COMPLETE SOLUTION--WHILE THE ARAB COUNTRIES ARE EAGER FOR A JUST, PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM AND ARE COOPERATING SINCERELY WITH THE UNITED STATES TO ARRIVE AT A COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE PROBLEM. HE ALSO CONSIDERS PRESIDENT SADAT'S STEP TO EXTEND THE INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY POWER AS AN INDICATION OF THE DESIRE TO BRING TO PASS A JUST PEACE IN THE AREA.

ANY DELAY BY THE ISRAELI SIDE WILL NOT HELP TO REALIZE THE PEACE, THE SECURITY AND THE STABILITY WHICH WE ALL ARE HOPING FOR IN OUR REGION. FURTHERMORE, THE KINGDOM CONSIDERS THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO PARTIONING REGARDLESS OF THE PARTIAL STEPS WHICH ARE TAKEN TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. HIS MAJESTY WOULD LIKE ANY PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI TO CORRESPOND TO ANOTHER PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL IN THE GOLAN.

THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA HOPES THAT THE ARABS WILL NOT BE FORCED BY THE INTRANSIGENT ISRAELI POSITION TO PLUNGE INTO A NEW WAT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE AN EVIL RESULT WHICH WILL ONLY SERVE THOS WHO ARE AIMING FOR INSTABILITY AND LACK OF PROSPERITY FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION AND FOR THE WHOLE WORLD. END TEXT.

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